

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 21 are pending in the application and are allowed.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of informalities.

The examiner requested that the specification be amended to indicate that this application is a national stage application. In accordance with this requirement, such sentence has been introduced into the specification.

However, it is respectfully submitted that **MPEP**

I. 1893.03(c) The Priority Date, Priority Claim, and Priority Papers for a U.S. National Stage Application [R-5]

IV. BENEFIT CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e), OR 120 AND 365(c)
sets forth in the 2nd to last paragraph that no such sentence is required (emphasis added):

“Note: a national stage application submitted under 35 U.S.C. 371 may not claim benefit of the filing date of the international application of which it is the national stage since its filing date is the date of filing of that international application. See also MPEP §§ 1893.03(b). Stated differently, since the international application is not an earlier application (it has the same filing date as the national stage), a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 in the national stage to the international application is inappropriate and may result in the submission being treated as an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). See MPEP §§ 1893.03(a). **Accordingly, it is not necessary for the applicant to amend the first sentence(s) of the specification to reference the international application number that was used to identify the application during international processing of the application by the international authorities prior to commencement of the national stage.**”

The word “arranged” has been corrected on page 1, line 19.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned

would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

Respectfully submitted on November 28, 2007,

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